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INDEX FROM GERMINATING
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 31, 2003, Applicants are resubmitting the **Amendments to the Specification** which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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